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1. Bureaucratic tradition throughout the ministries of the central government in Moscow has established the following working hours as the usual schedules, largely as the result of Stalin's own routine. The schedules apply to the domestic affairs as well as the foreign affairs ministries of the USSR. The six-day work week is observed, with Sunday the only regular day of rest.
2. The shishka snarivom ("boil about to burst", or VIP), usually anyone with the position of directorate (upravleniye) chief or higher, arrives at his office to begin his work day anytime between 1200 and 1300 hours. He works until 1900 or 1930 hours, when he has supper, which is at 2000 hours. He may or may not have had a snack or light luncheon at his place of work during the afternoon. He sleeps from 2100 hours until about midnight, returning to work between midnight and 0100 hours. He works through the night until 0700 or 0730 hours, when he goes home to sleep. He awakens at 1030 or 1100 hours, has breakfast at 1130 hours, then returns to work.
3. The meloch puzataya ("pot-bellied small-fry", or rank-and-file employee) arises sometime between 0800 and 0900 hours, has breakfast at 1000 hours, and arrives at work at 1030 hours. He works until 1330 hours, has luncheon at 1400 hours, returns to his desk at 1430 hours, working until 1700 hours. He has his supper between 1800 and 1830 hours. The individual may or may not take a brief nap after supper, returning to work between 2000 and 2100 hours. He works until sometime between 2400 and 0200 hours, depending on the type of work he does, the need to stand by to assist a supervisor, etc.
4. It is not unusual for a supervisor to rout a subordinate out of bed in the middle of the night when the supervisor wants an otherwise inaccessible file or desires attention to some urgent matter that cannot await the resumption of the subordinate's normal working hours, or, in some ministries, work that cannot be handled by the duty officer.

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